

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Matsuzaki et al.

Application No.: **09/636,458**

Filing Date: August 11, 2000

For: **PLASMID AUTONOMOUSLY REPLICABLE
IN CORYNEFORM BACTERIA**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Guzo

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1480

Via Facsimile to: 703.872.9306**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME****Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, 2 month(s) to May 17, 2004.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge our deposit account **50-3077** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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